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From: Urdiales, Aaron [Urdiales.Aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/16/2020 11:09:43 PM
To: Wharton, Steve [Wharton.Steve@epa.gov]; Aviles, Jesse [Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov]; Wardell, Christopher [Wardell.Christopher@epa.gov]; Chergo, Jennifer [Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Denver Coliseum Parking Lot Proposed Use

See below - I will add you to the response.

Steve- this goes to the clarification question I asked you.

Aaron

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Tracie White - CDPHE <tracie.white@state.co.us>
Date: June 16, 2020 at 5:06:28 PM MDT
To: "Urdiales, Aaron" <Urdiales.Aaron@epa.gov>
Cc: Fonda Apostolopoulos - CDPHE <fonda.apostolopoulos@state.co.us>, "laura.dixon" <laura.dixon@state.co.us>, "jeannine.natterman@state.co.us" <jeannine.natterman@state.co.us>, Doug Jamison <doug.jamison@state.co.us>, "Smidinger, Betsy" <Smidinger.Betsy@epa.gov>, "Stavnes, Sandra" <Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov>, "Jennifer Opila (jennifer.opila@state.co.us)" <jennifer.opila@state.co.us>
Subject: Re: Denver Coliseum Parking Lot Proposed Use

Hi Aaron -

According to Denver, this proposal is for a temporary Safe Outdoor Space, that will be utilized solely during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we do not know how long the pandemic will continue, I hope this general timeframe is helpful in your analysis.

Thanks
Tracie

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On Jun 16, 2020, at 4:34 PM, Urdiales, Aaron <Urdiales.Aaron@epa.gov> wrote:

Tracie –

The one concern that EPA has is that the current state's narrative doesn't mention the anticipated duration of the housing/shelter for the homeless population. While we don't necessarily disagree with the premise that the pavement provides at least a partial barrier to exposure to the underlying soils and possible contaminants, Denver hasn't completed the RI including the risk assessment for the OU. The risk assessment would estimate risks based on current conditions under various scenarios including residential

land use, which is close to what Denver is proposing, again depending solely on the duration.

If you could provide even a rough estimate of the anticipated duration, that would allow us to provide a more accurate response and potentially even complete risk calculations for less-than-lifetime exposures (i.e., for exposure durations less than traditional residential scenarios). This would put us in a much better position to address possible citizen questions/concerns that we are subjecting disenfranchised or disadvantaged people to unreasonable exposures.

I've cc: Jen and Betsy on this email to keep everyone in the loop. Please let me know –

Aaron Urdiales, Branch Chief
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From: Tracie White - CDPHE <tracie.white@state.co.us>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Urdiales, Aaron <Urdiales.Aaron@epa.gov>
Cc: Fonda Apostolopoulos - CDPHE <fonda.apostolopoulos@state.co.us>; laura.dixon <laura.dixon@state.co.us>; jeannine.natterman@state.co.us; Doug Jamison <doug.jamison@state.co.us>
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Thank you so much, Aaron!

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On Jun 16, 2020, at 3:32 PM, Urdiales, Aaron
<Urdiales.Aaron@epa.gov> wrote:

Tracie –

I sent a note to the EPA Remedial team for any input. I plan to respond back within the hour. Thanks

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From: White - CDPHE, Tracie <tracie.white@state.co.us>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:08 PM
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Subject: Fwd: Denver Coliseum Parking Lot Proposed Use

Hi Aaron -

As you probably are aware, the City of Denver has proposed to use the Denver Coliseum parking lot as a space to temporarily house people who are experiencing homelessness during the pandemic and have asked EPA and CDPHE to weight in on the proposal, since it is part of Operable Unit 2 for the VB/I-70 Superfund site. Per the attached, CDPHE has no concerns, but we want to ensure that EPA has no concerns before we relay our response to Denver. Can you confirm that EPA is ok with this? Denver would like an answer as soon as possible, so anything you can do to confirm a decision would be much appreciated.

Thanks,
Tracie

**** I am teleworking at this time and can be reached on my cell phone: 720.289.8423 ****

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From: **White - CDPHE, Tracie** <tracie.white@state.co.us>
Date: Tue, Jun 16, 2020 at 10:03 AM
Subject: Re: Denver Coliseum Parking Lot Proposed Use
To: Opila - CDPHE, Jennifer <jennifer.opila@state.co.us>
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Hi Jen -

Attached is a writeup regarding why we believe the Denver Coliseum parking lot is safe for use as a tent camping site for persons experiencing homelessness.

Thanks,
Tracie

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On Fri, May 29, 2020 at 9:41 AM Opila - CDPHE, Jennifer
<jennifer.opila@state.co.us> wrote:

John is comfortable, but would like to see a write-up on why we think it's safe. Fonda and Jeannine, can you please write up something and send it to me? And, have we spoken to EPA to make sure that they don't have concerns?

Thanks,

Jen

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On Fri, May 29, 2020 at 8:47 AM Apostolopoulos - CDPHE, Fonda
<fonda.apostolopoulos@state.co.us> wrote:

All.

Denver wants to use the Denver Coliseum parking lot as a place for homeless people. This is OU2 of the Vasquez Blvd/I-70 Superfund site.

The entire parking lot is paved and they have the newly constructed Globeville Landing Outfall and park.

Does anyone have any concerns or comments we should convey to Denver? I can't think of any except public perception.

Fonda

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From: **Linger, Agatha M. - DPHE Env Pub Hlth Analyst II**

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Date: Fri, May 29, 2020 at 8:40 AM

Subject: Denver Coliseum Parking Lot Proposed Use

To: Aviles, Jesse <Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov>, Fonda Apostolopoulos - CDPHE <fonda.apostolopoulos@state.co.us>

Good Morning Jesse and Fonda,

Happy Friday! I hope this email finds you both healthy and well.

The Denver Mayor's Office has expressed an interest to utilize the Denver Coliseum parking lot as a tent camping site for persons experiencing homelessness. Does the EPA or CDPHE have any concerns with this?

Thank you,

Agatha LingerEnvironmental & Public Health Analyst II

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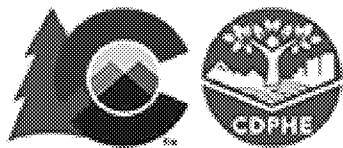
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